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NSC BRIEFING

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BACKGROUND A

DE GAULLE'S VIEWS

- A. De Gaulle's solution for North Africa is for an autonomous Algeria, which with Tunisia and Morocco, would be federally associated with France.**
- B. He affirms basic friendship for US, but he would not hesitate to take steps inimical to US interests if he considered such steps good for France.**
 - 1. He believes Soviets are not interested in making war and sees possibilities of deal to give France and Western Europe time to "rebuild strength."**
 - 2. He would probably insist on priority of French interests to extent of weakening NATO, but would not necessarily have France leave NATO.**
 - 3. He desires to pull France out of Common Market and probably EURATOM, but apparently favors "United Europe" without supranational institutions."**

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